



## Christian CND Conference in Brentwood

Beautiful Brentwood Cathedral was the setting for the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's Conference and AGM on 26th October.

The title and theme, "Nuclear Weapons, the Other Extinction Threat" was admirably set by our first speaker, Bishop Roger Morris, the Anglican Bishop of Colchester. He compared the variations in the direction and strength of the wind, that can change so quickly and unexpectedly, to shifts in public opinion, and how we had to be ready to take advantage of this.

The second speaker, Steve Hucklesby, of the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) of the Methodist, Baptist, United Reformed Churches and Church of Scotland, showed how to approach banks and pension and investment funds to persuade them to divest from funding the manufacture of nuclear weapons. Theresa Allesandro, the new Director of Pax Christi, told us how Pax Christi had begun and about her own journey into working for peace.

There were three workshops repeated twice so everyone had a chance to take part in at least two. Theresa and Steve showed examples of letters to write to financial institutions to encourage divestment, another workshop looked for ideas and ways for Christian CND to celebrate and build membership for its 60th anniversary next year, and the third included a showing of the Movement to Abolish War's film, "Conflict and Climate", with opportunity to comment and discuss the issues raised.

Before leaving we gathered for prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral in thanksgiving for a fruitful day and our own prayers for peace.

### AGM

Most people stayed for the AGM. We received a finance statement from Neil Berry, our outgoing treasurer. Briefly, if we exclude the legacy, income is up 31%. The full statement is available to anyone on request.

The full colour annual report (included with this mailing) was distributed, along with an office report which detailed, amongst other things, the increase in membership. Briefly, we have 58 new members and 23 lapsed members (five of whom have died) since last AGM. Membership currently stands at 401. This includes complimentary memberships.

The following people were elected to Exec: Patricia Pulham, Michael Pulham, Rebecca Dillon, David Maxwell, Caroline Gilbert, Mike Gilbert, Geraldine Ellis, Martin Tiller, Martin Birdseye and Kelvin Gascoyne.



Left to right: Rebecca Dillon, Martin Tiller, Martin Birdseye, Mike Gilbert, Claire Poyner, Caroline Gilbert, David Maxwell, Geraldine Ellis, Kelvin Gascoyne, Patricia Pulham and Michael Pulham

The Co-Chairs are Martin Tiller and David Maxwell. Mike Gilbert was elected as Treasurer.

Our very grateful thanks to Neil Berry who is now standing down as treasurer after many years.

**19 November:** Nae Cash for Nukes: How we can divest Scotland from nuclear weapons. Come along to this event to hear more about the findings from Don't Bank on the Bomb Scotland's new report, 'Stop Funding the End of the World', and learn about the simple steps you can take to support the nuclear weapons divestment campaign. Speakers include Linda Pearson (Don't Bank on the Bomb Scotland) and Audrey Doig (Renfrewshire Councillor and NFLA Scotland Co-convenor). 6 – 8.30pm. Quad Teaching Room G158, Old College, South Bridge, **Edinburgh**, EH8 9AD. Bookings (free): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>. [nukedivestmentscotland@gmail.com](mailto:nukedivestmentscotland@gmail.com)

**23 November:** Women go Green for Peace. WILPF UK's annual Autumn Seminar presents its 2019 theme: Eco-feminism and Pacifism. 9.30-6pm SOAS University of London. Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, **London** WC1H 0XG. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**21 November:** Film screening: The Beginning of the end of nuclear weapons. This documentary film about efforts to bring a nuclear weapon ban treaty into international law and the role of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, ICAN, is told through the voices of leading activists from several different organizations and countries and the president of the negotiating conference. The screening will be followed by an open discussion led by CND Vice-President Bruce Kent. 7 – 10pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, **London** WC1R 4RL.

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Part of the 'We the Peoples' Film Festival.

The film will also be screened on 28 November at Kings College **London** 6-8pm with discussion, more info from British Pugwash office [office@britishpugwash.org](mailto:office@britishpugwash.org)

**26 November:** "Swords into Ploughshares". Sam Mason, Policy Officer of the Public & Commercial Services Union & member of the New Lucas Plan, introduces the new half-hour film The New Lucas Plan, which details a plan for switching workers involved in weapons manufacture to more socially useful jobs. 7.30-9.30pm in the Community Room, Picturehouse Cinema, 65 Tottenham Lane, London N8 9BY. Free. Info: David, 020 7700 2393 [davidtrpolden1@gmail.com](mailto:davidtrpolden1@gmail.com)

**3 December:** No to Trump, No to NATO. Donald Trump is set to visit London in December for the next NATO Heads of State summit. The summit will be a crucial opportunity for our movement to oppose Trump's nuclear war-mongering and interventionist agenda. [enquiries@cnduk.org](mailto:enquiries@cnduk.org) 020 7700 2393 <https://cnduk.org/events/>

**9 December:** Pax Christi Advent Peace Service. Music led by Julie McCann. Rehearsal for singers and musicians on Saturday 7th December 2-4pm Contact office for details. The service at 7pm, in St Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road London NW1 1TA, will be followed by our alternative Christmas market in Maria Fidelis school. Gifts from Jesuit Refugee Service, Traidcraft, Palestinian (Zaytoun) goods, books, cards and much more. 0208 203 4884 <http://paxchristi.org.uk/>

**11 January 2020:** London Region CND AGM and Conference. London. Details tba. 020 7607 2302 [info@londoncnd.org](mailto:info@londoncnd.org)

**27 April – 22 May 2020:** NPT Review Conference in **New York**. <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt-review-conferences/>

Reaching Critical Will: <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/calendar/event/13685-2020-npt-review-conference>

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**Churches' pack:** Free

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**Pack of 24 A4 sheets of Interfaith quotations on peace:** £1 a pack

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